

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF  
BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 at 7:00PM AT THE  
COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>R McKinney</b>		
<b>Councillors</b>	H Crawford	Z Lane	L Panrucker	
	S Mallett	A Kelly	N Eveleigh	
	P Fellows	B Johnson	J Brough	

(Recorded by Council Support Officer)

**3012F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from  
Cllrs C Pattison, N Oglesbee, B Baricz Hughes, R Baker

**3013F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011**

There were none

**3014F To consider requests for Dispensation.**

There were none

**3015F To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any  
intention to speak under any Agenda Items of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of  
3 minutes).**

There were no members of public present.

**3016F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a true record and to  
resolve for the Chair to sign them.**

Proposed by Cllr S Mallett, seconded by Cllr Z Lane. There were 5 abstentions recorded.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November as a true record and  
for the Chair to sign them.

**3017F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other  
Organisations.**

- Cllr Z Lane has informed members about a homelessness case in Dyke, where an individual is currently sleeping in a bus shelter. The Outreach Team has reached out and is providing support.
- Cllr B Johnson updated members that the Emergency Plan has been submitted to the Local Resilience Forum (LRF). The next step will involve a tabletop exercise for all Councillors, and we are currently awaiting the scheduled dates.
- Cllr H Crawford is scheduled to meet with Richard Whyles regarding the Bourne Market. Members are encouraged to send their ideas to Cllr Crawford via email to help future-proof the market.

**3018F To answer questions from Councillors.**

Cllr Kelly requested to ask her question at a later point in the meeting. Chair agreed.

**3019F** Although none were present a vote was taken to exclude the press and public from agenda items 8 & 9 and to exclude the details of the debate from the public minutes for reasons of commercially, legally or personally sensitive information under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) Act 1985.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To exclude the press and public from agenda items 8 & 9

**3020F To discuss the draft budget for 2026/27.**

Cllr A Kelly raised concerns regarding the involvement of external agencies in the budget preparation process due to the Clerk's absence. Cllr Kelly requested that the matter of external support be presented to the full council for approval. Cllr R. McKinney proposed adding this topic as an agenda item for the upcoming Full Council meeting.

**3021F To approve the payment for the repair of the rear wall of the South Street Toilets.**

The Council Support Officer informed members of the three quotes received.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr Z Lane and unanimously

**RESOLVED:** Approved D & M Landscapes quote for the repair of the rear wall of the South Street Toilets.

**3022F To discuss any such information which the chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.**

None

*Due to there being no further items to discuss the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:08hrs.*